

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1377

Introduced by Assembly Member Benoit
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Spitzer)

February 21, 2003

An act *to add Section 52122.2 to the Education Code*, relating to school facilities, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1377, as amended, Benoit. ~~Class size reduction~~ *School facilities.*

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, (hereafter the Greene Act of 1998) establishes a program for allocation by the State Allocation Board of state per-pupil funding to school districts for, among other things, new construction.

Existing law provides for submission to the voters of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 which would, in part, authorize the issuance of bonds for the purpose of funding elementary and secondary school facilities, including, but not limited to, new construction of school facilities pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998.

Existing law establishes the Class Size Reduction Program in which participating school districts are provided funding for reducing class size to a ratio of 20 pupils to 1 teacher in kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive. Under the program, school districts requesting funds for facilities are eligible to receive \$40,000 per new class that is needed to meet class size reduction.

~~Existing law, the Class Size Reduction Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 1998, provides for, among other things, the issuance of state general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,350,000,000 to be allocated beginning in the 1998-99 fiscal year for school district project funding related to the growth in enrollment of applicant school districts, prescribed reconstruction or modernization, and facilities-related costs for class size reduction. The bond act also allocates \$3,350,000,000 beginning in the 2000-01 fiscal year for similar purposes.~~

~~This bill would authorize the State Allocation Board to allocate up to an unspecified sum from the Class Size Reduction Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 1998 to provide school facility grants~~ *provide grants of up to \$40,000 per eligible class under the Greene Act of 1998 from the proceeds of bonds approved after the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, to eligible school districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program for which less than \$40,000 in state facilities funding per eligible class size reduction classroom has been provided, and for which applications were filed on or before July 1, 2001-2002, for the purpose of funding that difference.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ *no*. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. The State Allocation Board may allocate up to~~
 2 ~~_____ million dollars (\$____) from bond funds approved by the~~
 3 ~~voters pursuant to the Class Size Reduction~~
 4 ~~Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of~~
 5 ~~1998 (Part 68 (commencing with Section 100400) of the~~
 6 ~~Education Code) to provide school facility grants to eligible~~
 7 ~~school districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program~~
 8 ~~contained in Chapter 6.10 (commencing with Section 52120) of~~
 9 ~~Part 28 of the Education Code and Chapter 19 (commencing with~~
 10 ~~Section 17200) of Part 10 of the Education Code as it existed on~~
 11 ~~November 3, 1998, for which less than forty thousand dollars~~
 12 ~~(\$40,000) in state facilities funding per eligible classroom has~~
 13 ~~been provided, and for which applications were filed on or before~~
 14 ~~July 1, 2001.~~

1 *SECTION 1. Section 52122.2 is added to the Education Code,*
2 *to read:*

3 52122.2. (a) *Notwithstanding subdivision (j) of Section*
4 *52122.1, the State Allocation Board may provide grants of up to*
5 *forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per eligible class under the Leroy*
6 *F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (Chapter 12.5*
7 *(commencing with Section 17070.10) of Part 10) to eligible school*
8 *districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program*
9 *contained in Chapter 6.10 (commencing with Section 52120) of*
10 *Part 28 and Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 17200) as it*
11 *existed on November 3, 1998, for which less than forty thousand*
12 *dollars (\$40,000) in state facilities funding per eligible classroom*
13 *was provided under Section 52122.1, and for which applications*
14 *were filed on or before July 1, 2002, for the purpose of funding that*
15 *difference.*

16 (b) *This section applies only to grants funded with the proceeds*
17 *of bonds approved by the voters after the November 5, 2002,*
18 *statewide general election.*

19 (c) *The total maximum amount of funds that the board may*
20 *grant under this section may not exceed fifty million dollars*
21 *(\$50,000,000).*

